

3 Senate Bill No. 1929

4 SENATE BILL NO. 1929 - By: MYERS of the Senate and NEWPORT of the  
5 House.

6 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2001,  
7 Section 11-309, as last amended by Section 11, Chapter 394,  
8 O.S.L. 2005 (47 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 11-309), which  
9 relates to driving on roadways laned for traffic;  
10 prohibiting certain actions in center two-way-turn lanes;  
11 and providing an effective date.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2001, Section 11-309, as  
14 last amended by Section 11, Chapter 394, O.S.L. 2005 (47 O.S. Supp.  
15 2005, Section 11-309), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 11-309. Whenever any roadway has been divided into two  
17 or more clearly marked lanes for traffic, the following requirements  
18 in addition to all others consistent herewith shall apply.

19 1. A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable entirely  
20 within a single lane.

21 2. A vehicle shall not be moved from the lane until the driver  
22 has first ascertained that the movement can be made with safety and  
23 then given a signal, not less than the last one hundred (100) feet  
24 traveled by the vehicle, of his intention to change lanes.

25 3. Upon a roadway which is divided into three lanes, a vehicle  
26 shall not be driven in the center lane except when overtaking and

1 passing another vehicle where the roadway is clearly visible and the  
2 center lane is clear of traffic within a safe distance, or in  
3 preparation for a left turn or where the center lane is at the time  
4 allocated exclusively to traffic moving in the direction the vehicle  
5 is proceeding and is signposted to give notice of the allocation.

6 4. A two-way left-turn lane is a lane near the center of the  
7 highway set aside for use by vehicles making left turns in both  
8 directions from or into the roadway. Two-way left-turn lanes shall  
9 be designated by distinctive roadway markings consisting of parallel  
10 double yellow lines, interior line dashed and exterior line solid,  
11 on each side of the lane. A vehicle shall not be driven in a  
12 designated two-way left-turn lane except when preparing for or  
13 making a left turn from or into a roadway. Vehicles turning left  
14 from the roadway shall not be driven in the two-way left-turn lane  
15 for more than two hundred (200) feet while preparing for and making  
16 the turn. A vehicle turning left onto the roadway may utilize the  
17 two-way left-turn lane as a staging area by stopping and waiting for  
18 traffic proceeding in the same direction to clear before merging  
19 into the adjacent lanes of travel. A left turn shall not be made  
20 from any other lane where a two-way left-turn lane has been  
21 designated. Provided, however, this section shall not prohibit  
22 driving across a two-way left-turn lane when moving from a service  
23 drive onto such marked roadway.

1        5. Upon a roadway which is divided into four or more lanes, a  
2 vehicle proceeding at less than the maximum posted speed, except  
3 when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation, shall not impede  
4 the normal flow of traffic by driving in the left lane. The vehicle  
5 shall be driven in the right-hand lane except when overtaking and  
6 passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction or when  
7 preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road  
8 or driveway.

9        ~~5.~~ 6. Official signs may be erected directing slow-moving  
10 traffic to use a designated lane or designating those lanes to be  
11 used by traffic moving in a particular direction regardless of the  
12 center of the roadway and drivers of vehicles shall obey the  
13 directions of every such sign.

1           SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.  
2   COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND  
3   SECURITY, dated 2-13-06 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.